

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 12 and 13 without prejudice and amend claims 14, 16, 18 and 20-22 as follows:

LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1 - 13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the predetermined frictional force is generally constant over the extent of said relative pivotal movement.

15. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 14, wherein the interface is annular.

16. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the interface is shaped during moulding so that said predetermined frictional force changes in a controlled manner over the extent of said relative pivotal movement.

17. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 16, wherein said interface is elliptical.

18. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said first part is resilient after moulding and is deformed at the interface during moulding and/or shrinkage of said second part, the resilience of said first part affecting the frictional force at said interface.

19. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein shrinkage of said second part is limited by the resilience of said first part, and the resilience of said first part and said second part at an equilibrium condition after moulding is complete controls said predetermined frictional force.

20. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first part and the second part are moulded with limiting means for limiting the extent of said relative pivotal movements between two limits of travel.

21. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein the first and the second parts are moulded with detent means operable to resist said relative pivotal movement out of at least a first relative orientation of the first and the second parts.

22. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 23, wherein said first part is a bearing member fixable relative to a pivotal axis and said second part is a supporting member allowed to pivot about said axis.

23. (Currently Amended) A method of molding a two part hinge comprising a first molded part and a second molded part connected together during molding to allow relative pivotal movement between the parts, the method comprising:

molding the first part and allowing the first part to shrink during the transition between a molding temperature and a cooling temperature;

introducing the first part into a mold for the second part; and

molding the second part over the first part to form an interface between the second part and the first part at which said relative pivotal movement is allowed,

wherein said molding of the second part comprises selecting a timing for injecting the material of the second part before the first part has completed shrinkage after molding so that the first part undergoes shrinkage during molding of the second part in order to provide a predetermined frictional force at the interface between the first part and the second part in order to resist said relative pivotal movement; and,
injecting a material of the second part at said selected timing.

24. (New) A method as claimed in claim 23, further comprising:

determining a shrinkage of said first part between a first moulding temperature and a first cooling temperature; and

determining a shrinkage of said second part between a second moulding temperature and a second cooling temperature,

wherein said selection of said timing for injecting said material of said second part is based on said determined shrinkage of said first part and said determined shrinkage of said second part.

25. (New) A method of molding a two part hinge comprising a first molded part and a second molded part connected together during molding to allow relative pivotal movement between the parts, the method comprising:

molding a first part at a first molding temperature;

cooling the first part to a temperature above ambient temperature for a first period, the cooling causing at least partial shrinkage of the first part;

introducing the first part into a mould for a second part;

injecting the mould with a material at a second molding temperature;

continued shrinking of the first part simultaneous to molding of the second part over the first part; and,

cooling the first and second parts to an ambient temperature for a second period until the first and second parts reach complete shrinkage,

wherein the complete shrinkage of the second part is limited by a resilience of the first part, and the first period determines the resilience of the first part.